

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
NORTH CENTRAL MONTANA REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
SEGMENT E6-B NORTH PROJECT**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Date: October 7, 2022
Action: Water System Improvements Project
Location of Project: Hill County, Montana
DEQ Funding: To Be Determined
Total Project Cost: \$ 3,500,000

An environmental review has been conducted by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding construction of a drinking water project that is part of the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority (NCMRWA).

The project consists of installing approximately 3 miles of 24-inch and 16-inch water mains southwest of the City of Havre in Hill County. This pipeline is the northern portion of the pipeline that will connect the City of Havre to the NCMRWA system.

Based on the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA), including environmental commitments detailed in the EA, the project is not expected to have any significant adverse impacts upon terrestrial and aquatic life or habitat, including endangered species, water quality or quantity, air quality, geological features, cultural or historical features, or social quality.

The DEQ utilized the following references in completing its environmental review of this project: 1) the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) for Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System, dated December 2004 (the lead agency for the EA was the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation in cooperation with: the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation); 2) the Engineering Report for Rocky Boy's/North Central Regional Water System Project, Segment E6-B North, prepared by Kadrmas Lee & Jackson (KLJ) and Advanced Engineering and Environmental Solutions (AE2S); 3) a Potential Contaminant Source Review for Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water Project prepared by DEQ Source Water Protection section of DEQ dated October 2022 and; 4) a Project Manual and Project Drawings for Segment E6-B North prepared by KLJ and AE2S, received September 2022. These references are available for review upon request by contacting:

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Comments on this finding or on the EA may be submitted to DEQ at the above address. Comments must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this FONSI in the newspaper. After evaluating substantive comments received, DEQ will revise the EA or determine if an EIS is necessary. Otherwise, this finding of no significant impact will stand if no substantive comments are received during the comment period or if substantive comments are received and evaluated and the environmental impacts are still determined to be non-significant.

Signed,

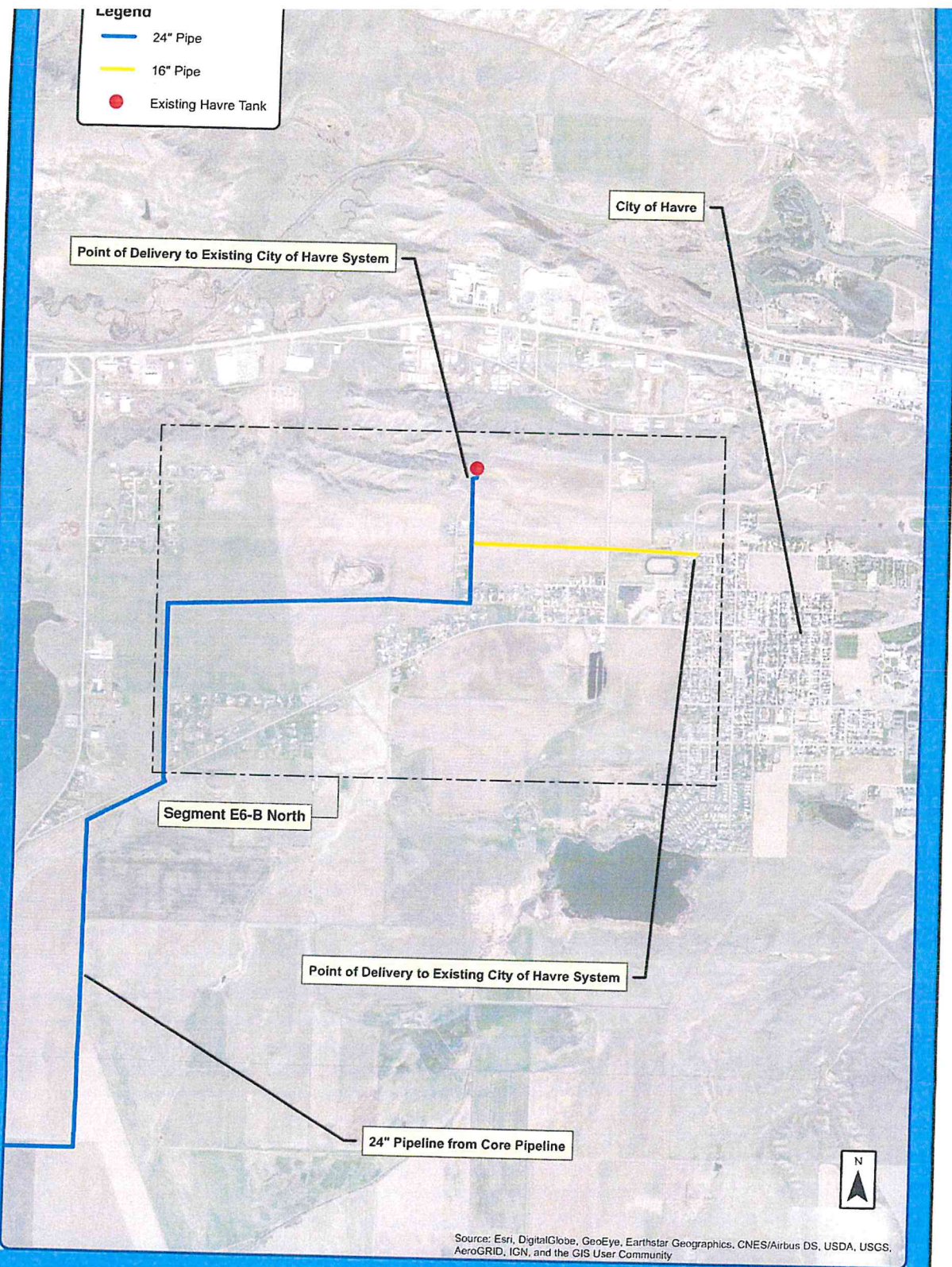


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Legend

- 24" Pipe
- 16" Pipe
- Existing Havre Tank



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Exhibit 2
Segment E6-B

